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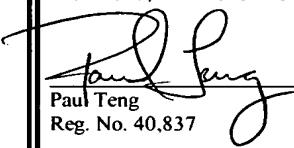
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In order to ensure compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this application.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

References JP2001-103126 and JP2001-203804 listed on the annexed Form PTO-1449 were first cited in an August 15, 2006 official action from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with corresponding Japanese patent application no. 2002-273769. References US6553118 and US6687371 correspond to JP2001-103126 and JP2001-203804, respectively. A copy of the August 15, 2006 Japanese official action is enclosed. Copies of the references are also enclosed. A translation of the attached communication from the Japanese Patent Office is available to the USPTO through the Dossier Access System. Should the translation be

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